

Schuylkill Arsenal, Building No. 2  
(Mifflin Building)  
2620 Gray's Ferry Avenue, at northwest corner  
of Peltz Street  
Philadelphia  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA		COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) SCHUYLKILL ARSENAL, BUILDING No. 2			HABS NO. PA-1540 C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Mifflin Building			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2620 Gray's Ferry Ave., at NW cor. of Peltz St.			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1804		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An early example of American military architecture. (Its original use was not recorded at the time of the survey). Demolished in 1962.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, common bond.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approx. 150' (nine-bay front) X 60'; four stories on Peltz St., three stories on courtyard.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Three-story tower with cupola (originally on center of main portion) and porte-cochere; dentil-like brick work at cornice area; giant brick pilasters; segmental and flat brick arches on some windows; stone sills; flat roof originally hipped.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Not recorded.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Altered after 1876.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Some of this information is based on Richard Webster's HABS catalog, <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> , published in 1976 by Temple University Press.			
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